

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 2002

Dear Representative Markey:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter regarding implementation of the 1994 Agreed Framework with North Korea. We are committed to ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program and bringing that country into full compliance with its Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) obligations. It is in this context that we have stated our intention to implement our responsibilities under the Agreed Framework as long as North Korea fulfills all of its obligations.

As part of the recent Presidential Determination regarding funding by the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, we highlighted our concerns about the lack of full cooperation by North Korea with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). We have made this clear in our communications with the North Koreans and have discussed this concern with allies at senior levels, especially given the ongoing progress of construction of the light water reactors. We also value the need for intelligence capabilities to monitor North Korean compliance every step of the way with both the Agreed Framework and the NPT.

According to the Agreed Framework, North Korea will receive critical nuclear components for light water reactors only after it comes into full compliance with the NPT and its associated IAEA safeguards agreement. As the President said in his letter to you on March 7, you can be assured that we will not agree to provide such components until full compliance is certified by the IAEA. At present, we are only transferring technology necessary for licensing and safe operation of the completed light water reactors.

We continue to work with our allies on a course designed to reduce verifiably the threat from North Korea and move towards more normal relations. We believe that dialogue is clearly the preferred path to resolve our concerns. However, we and our

allies will be prepared if Pyongyang foregoes the opportunity to engage in a meaningful way and pursues another course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Condoleezza Rice".

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